Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended) A method for determining the position of a feature within [the] a beam scan that is effective at [the] an operating frequency of the scan and using a limited bandwidth video signal, comprising the steps of:

determining the [reference] feature to be an edge over which the video signal changes abruptly from one level to a higher or lower level;

determining whether the beam is only turned on over a short region of the scan; and

representing [the] degree of overlap between the beam on portion of the scan and the higher video level part of the feature as the total video signal accumulated in that scan.

2.   (Currently Amended) A method for determining the position of a feature within [the] a beam scan that is effective at the operating frequency of the scan and using a limited bandwidth video signal, comprising the steps of:

using a sample having a black to white video transition as [a reference] the feature;

unblanking the beam for a short period;

advancing the unblanked period along [the] a line of the scan by a small increment in each succeeding scan;

sampling [the] an amplifier output by an analog-to-digital converter at a time delay following the unblank-blank period determined by the video amplifier bandwidth;

arranging [the] successive samples for giving a video profile representative of the video profile of a slow scan with a wide beam; and

mathematically processing the representative video profile to yield the position of the video edge with respect to the scan.

3.   (Currently Amended) A method of electronically measuring parameters of a beam in a raster scan system comprising the steps of:

(a)   [C]choosing a predetermined plurality of pixels of said raster scan to be calibrated;

(b)   moving at least one feature at [the] an image plane having video contrast adjacent to [the] a landing point of said plurality of pixels;

(c)   strobing said beam for said plurality of pixels within said raster scan;

(d)   incrementally moving said plurality of pixels within said raster scan toward said at least one video contrast feature;

(e)   integrating the signal resulting from said plurality of pixels as said plurality of pixels move towards said at least one video contrast feature; and

(f)   repeating steps (c) through (e) until said plurality of pixels crosses said at least one video contrast feature.

4.   (Currently Amended) In an electron beam equipment, a method for determining the dimensions of [the] a beam scan of [the] an electron beam by identifying a feature on [the] a sample and [the] a position of the feature within the scan for calibrating [the] a scan amplitude, said method being effective at [the] an operating frequency of the electron beam scan, but using a limited bandwidth video signal, comprising the steps of:

determining an edge over which the video signal changes from one level to a higher or lower level as [a reference] the feature;

turning on the electron beam over only a short region of the electron beam scan; and

representing as the total video signal accumulated [the] a degree of overlap between the beam on portion of the scan and the higher video level part of the feature.

5.   (Previously Amended) A method for determining the position of a feature within [the] a beam scan that is effective at [the] an operating frequency of the scan and using a limited bandwidth video signal, comprising the steps of:

determining the [reference] feature to be an edge over which the video signal changes abruptly from one level to a higher or lower level;

determining whether the beam is only turned on over a short region of the scan;

representing [the] a degree of overlap between the beam on portion of the scan and the higher video level part of the feature as the total video signal accumulated in that scan;

[using the high to low, low to high video transition as a reference feature;]

unblanking the electron beam for a short period during the scan;

advancing the unblank-blanked period along [the] a line of the scan by a small increment in each succeeding scan;

sampling [the] a video amplifier output using an analog-to-digital converter at a time delay following the unblank-blanked period, said time delay determined by a bandwidth of the video amplifier [bandwidth]; and

[a means of] stepping the unblank-blanked period along the line by sub pixel increments by inserting a programmable delay between [the] a blanking pulse generator and [the] a blanker itself.